

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE May 5, 1986

FULL NAME FRANK H. MORRIS SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____
 (No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS _____

CITY Austin STATE Texas ZIP CODE _____DATE OF BIRTH 12/37 (This is important and should be exact)APPROXIMATE AGE 43 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)RELIGION Protestant NATIONALITY AmericanOCCUPATION UnemployedEDUCATION University of Michigan - Masters in Chemistry; Univ. of Illinois - Master in Food NutritionWEIGHT approx. 135-40 HEIGHT 5'9 (approx.) RACE CaucasianCOLOR OF HAIR Light Brown COLOR OF EYES BrownOUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS outdoorsman, gun collector, scientific interests, artist, works well with youth of both sexesMARRIED OR SINGLE Single CHILDREN none admitted to
 (Number, ages, and names, if possible)

NAME OF SPOUSE _____

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	POSITION	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
50040	St. Joseph	Illinois	SA	6/76	
50040	"	"	SM	1978	10/81
8602	Okaw District		79	1978	1982
50040	St. Joseph	"	MC	10/81	10/82

SPECIAL RECOGNITION District Award of Merit, Order of the Arrow Brotherhood
 SUSPENDED OR DENIED REGISTRATION FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION AND LIST ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE OR SPECULATION):

F. STARON

JUL 15 1986

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JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

Signed

SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council

Arrowhead

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SCOUTING/USA

National Office
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

1325 Walnut Hill Lane, Irving, Texas 75038-3096

May 11, 1988

Mr. Ralph S. Kroehler
Scout Executive
W. D. Boyce Council, No. 138

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: FRANK MORRIS

Dear Ralph:

Thank you for the information which you sent us in March, concerning the above named individual. As I indicated in my letter of April 6, we believe this could be the same person as we already have a Confidential File from another council.

Could you check and determine if this person ever lived in Champaign or any where else in the Illinois area? This would be most helpful to us as we determine whether a new file should be established or if this should be added to the one we already have.

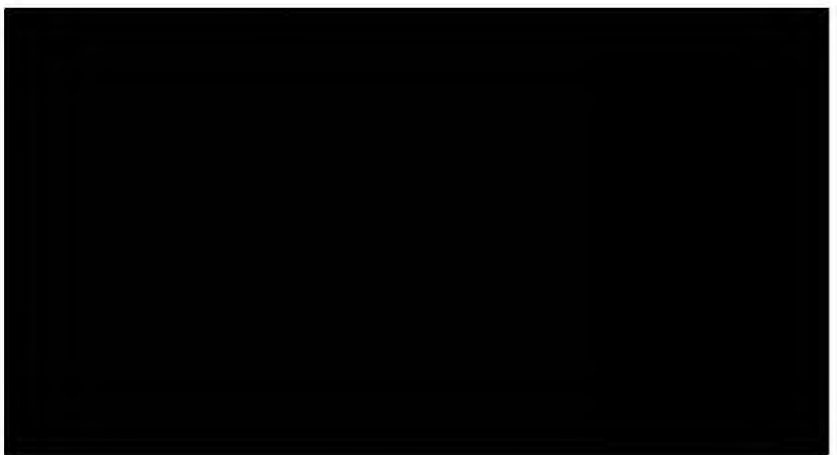
Thanks for your help in giving us a complete file.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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cc: East Central Region



PLEASE NOTE NEW MAILING ADDRESS:

Boy Scouts of America, 1325 Walnut Hill Lane, P.O. Box 152079, Irving, Texas 75015-2079

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April 6, 1988

Mr. Ralph S. Kroenier
Scout Executive
W D Boyce Council, No. 138

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Frank Morris

Dear Ralph:

Thank you for your letter of March 23 and the newspaper clipping concerning the above named individual. We believe this is the same individual as one for whom we received information previously from another council.

We would like you to help us in making certain this is the same person by giving us the middle initial of this individual and his birth date, if possible.

According to our records, Mr. Morris was originally in the council in Champaign, Illinois, and then moved to Philadelphia. Apparently some problems occurred in both Champaign and Philadelphia. If you can substantiate that this is the same individual and give us the information we have requested, this would be helpful in completing our file.

We would also like the outcome of the legal action in this particular case since this would strengthen our file leading to future registration attempts.

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

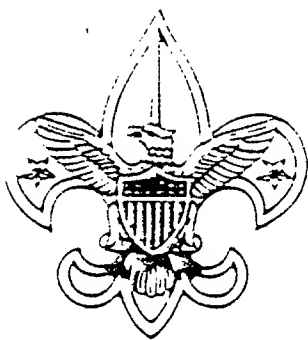
Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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cc: East Central Region

READY TO FILE
APR 07 1988
ERIN CRILEY

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Boy Scouts of America

W.D. Boyce Council

March 23, 1988

Director of Registration
Boy Scouts of America
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
P. O. Box 152079
Irving, Texas 75015-2079

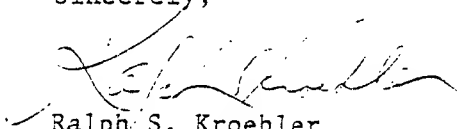
Dear Sir,

Enclosed is a newspaper article on Frank Morris. He is not registered in this council and has not been a leader here.

I wish these eastern areas would keep some of their people there. This is the second one from the east that made headlines in our territory in two years.

This is all we know about the individual.

Sincerely,


Ralph S. Kroehler
Council Executive

*Could locate no registration
Added to CF file
4/5/88*

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LaSalle, Peter

NewsTribune Tuesday, March 15, 1988 3

Boy Scout leader on trial for sexual assault charges

OTTAWA — A former volunteer Boy Scout leader, Frank Morris of Philadelphia, Pa., is on trial in Circuit Court, Ottawa, on five charges based on a 1984 incident at Starved Rock State Park.

The case involves a former Rantoul boy, who was 13 at the time.

A jury to try the case was impaneled Monday before Judge Fred P. Wagner and the first testimony was heard, from the boy's mother.

Morris is being tried on five charges on which he was indicted last month: aggravated criminal

sexual assault, criminal sexual assault and three counts of criminal sexual abuse.

The defendant also was indicted in 1986 on a charge of indecent liberties with a child but that count has been dismissed and replaced by the other counts because of a change in the law.

The alleged incident happened on a trip to check possible camping sites.

Morris has been free on bond.

La Salle County State's Attorney Gary Peterlin and First Assistant David Day are prosecuting the case.

October 13, 1986

Ms. Marjorie M. Carroll
207 Ridgewood Drive
Georgetown, TX 78628

Dear Ms. Carroll:

This is to acknowledge receipt of a letter signed by F. H. Morris in response to the Boy Scouts of America's position on child abuse.

The BSA has taken its position based on the opinions of many throughout the country who are considered knowledgeable on this subject. The evidence clearly points to the severity of the problem.

The Boy Scouts of America exists for the purpose of helping youngsters develop in character, citizenship, as well as, physically and mentally. This purpose requires leadership which is carried out in a healthy atmosphere and in a responsible manner. Therefore we feel it entirely appropriate to publish materials which benefit and help protect our youth members and other children.

We are happy to share with you copies of the booklet, Child Abuse - Let's Talk About It, the September 1986 Boys' Life as well as the September and October issues of Scouting Magazine.

Thank you for sharing your feelings on this matter.

Sincerely,

Frank E. Hebb
Director
Public Relations/Advertising.

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enclosures
cc: T. Accas

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National Office
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
Irving, Texas 75038-3096

Frank

Please
draft an
answer.
The terms
General

Theodore P. Jones
214-590-2010
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Public Relations/Advertising
National Office, BSA Scouts of America
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
Irving TX 75038-3096

REPLY TO: F.H. Morris

CHILD ABUSE

Friday 17 October 1986

Dear Mr. Hebb:

Ref. inquiry of 10/6 to Family Alumni Association requesting the Official BSA Position on this subject and the Booklet (#3943, '86) as identified in the Fall 1986 issue of Alumni Family News.

Thank you for your very-complete and conscientious reply to her with your letter of 10/13. Copies of Boy's Life (9/86) containing the "Prepared for Today" article by Scott Stuckey, p. 39, with well-done artwork by Michelle Warner; Scouting with the article "Child Abuse, A Critical Issue in Our Society" by Suzanne Wilson (photos by Gary Sigman) 9/86 issue, p. 36 (interview with Dr. W. Walter Menninger, psychiatrist); and 10/86 issue containing, basically, the Booklet/Position content, p. 40, "Child Abuse: Let's Talk About It"--were received with the requested literature and copy of the Fall '86 Alumni Family News yesterday 10/16!

You informed her that I had written to the National Office, suggesting that you recalled our correspondence on the Chemistry Merit-Badge Chairmanship from Feb./Mar. '86 (appropriate caution all considered), requesting such information for her. To review, then, yes it is the same F.H. Morris to clarify, who was arrested in Philadelphia (Fall '85) and was not verified by yourself as "officially" maintaining this position (I resigned for the sake of all concerned, unfortunately, which will be to the detriment of the work I'd undertaken for five years and realization of its application in the Chemistry Merit Badge pamphlet). The Alpha Chi Sigma (chemistry) Fraternity in Indianapolis is handling that problem. In your title of Assistant Director for that "hat", you responded to me with confirmation by the Fraternity that I was, indeed, properly entitled to such association despite newspaper publicity (e.g. 11/3/85, Philadelphia Inquirer) to the contrary. To my knowledge the consequences of such oversight has not been rectified nor the untold (public) damage undone by any action by yourself via the BSA. I was quite confident in my "credentials" and involvement, and knew it, but the public didn't based on your negative response; so it was not I who needed to be followed up by having my "relationship in this matter accurately stated"!

The situation has not (yet) been resolved despite desperate appeal, without response, to David Park, BSA Attorney 3/17/86. This explains the concern of the recent 10/6 letter in backing up the Volunteers in the face of the current National hysteria about child abuse. I've received none to date so far as I know! This is also the reason for keying (Arrowhead) Council #117 (Champaign IL) to

copy of the 10/6 literature request to the Family Alumni Assn. which was, then, referred to you for response to fill you in to preclude any misconceptions born by imaginations. It was that Council where I served as Scoutmaster so actively and although having nothing at all to do with the continuing difficulties, has been so atrociously publicized because of the journalists' awareness of what people like to read. The matter will be subject to formal litigation once the "due-process" is taken care of (a very slow and long-drawn-out procedure to be sure). It is not over yet by any means!

I am, then, temporarily operating from the above "Reply To" address, only about three hours south of the Dallas-Ft. Worth area. (no

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CONFIDENTIAL TO F.B.I. RE: Child Abuse cont'd, 10/27/86.

"Ms."; she's not "liberated"; she's old-fashioned like [REDACTED]--which is who I am to properly reveal the connection; we both served long and hard at Arrowhead Council where we lived for 15 years or so most recently before moving to the Austin vicinity--she's married and has four fine sons in college now). I would be available, and, in fact, most receptive to taking a drive to your location to meet with you about these matters and concerns while the opportunity exists. An awful travesty of justice has occurred in my case which needs to be corrected and, if possible, incorporated into the BSA learning curve so that repetition can be precluded for the sake of others and the BSA image.

Sixty Minutes: As the result of a television program aired locally 5/18/86 I established contact with CBS, and ultimately a child-psychologist in Yorkville IL W. of Chicago. The program had to do with a child custody dispute in which, apparently in order to secure "ownership" of her two boys, the wife "arranged" for one of them to accuse the father of morals charge(s). The psychologist was quoted as:

"What ... we are seeing (are) children at very young ages being very well educated about what to describe with regard to abuse ... we are drawing an awful lot of attention to this and, in fact, educating children so that when it comes to describing these events ... they may be very well versed ...".

He was evidently on the father's side; but all that was necessary to utterly ruin the man was for the accusation to be made. It is reminiscent of the Salem Witch Trials in our Country's past history. A real obsession these days.

Coincidentally there was a concurrent case in the Arrowhead Council county in Illinois in which a grade-school gym teacher (24, unmarried) was accused by two seven-year-old girls of sexual improprieties. He was convicted and sentenced to 25 years despite essentially-unanimous protest and character-witness testimony by the most honorable members of the community (we heard from a school board member recently, direct, about the case; she said that the girls' allegations were not creditable and that they were "led" throughout as to what to say). Yet the conviction--and the man's "life"--stands! All because, for unknown reasons that are not published in the papers because truth is not the objective, someone "told". This is the danger to which I alluded in that to the Family Alumni Assn. of 10/6 requesting the BSA Position on the subject. That is now exactly the situation in my own case. We conclude an extortion plot by a boy's adoptive parents who are stationed in the USAF; there is absolutely no credibility at all to compromise allegations against me which I briefly described in letter to you dated 2/24/86. I am perfectly innocent, yet have, myself, now been convicted of "child abuse" (whatever that's supposed to mean), declared a 2^o Felon by the Philadelphia Courts, had concurrent charges levelled by the corresponding DA's office in a county in Illinois (not Champaign Co. where Arrowhead Council is!) apparently in an opportunist perfidy to capitalize at my expense and collect Bail proceeds, and expelled from my own house in Philadelphia for two years (I'll plan to be here until 5/22/88 for your information). I am the most dedicated, moral, law-abiding and ethical individual you'd ever want to meet (or not to as the case may be!), yet have been unjustly penalized for my conscientious application of principles (heeding the call of the needy--Good Samaritan syndrome to be sure) as an extension of Scouting.

Note that my case does not involve Scouting; I would think because of the widespread slander that has, in fact, so associated the BSA that yourselves should well consider pressing charges against someone! I am angry, indignant, and hurt, but want to do all I can to help alleviate this panic irrationality that has taken so great a toll. I abhor the Scouting association with alleged (sexual) acts. I was beyond reproach in all my dealings in Scouting in Illinois--yet

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BSA Position: Your familiarization with the difficult position the National Organization finds itself in is certainly appreciated. We thought the articles were well done and "reasonable", all considered. I'd be personally interested in knowing just how many "cases" have come to your office's attention of the allegedly sexual form of the phenomenon. The 5/22/86 Issue to (all) Scout leaders had the third para. highlighted:

"We all know that the vast majority of people are not child abusers. We know, too, that in Scouting it is a rarity. But that rarity is enough for all of us to become alarmed--and to take action".

In all my years in the Program I never once knew of an actual confirmed case of an adult (Leader's) "abuse" of a Scout (homosexual)--but do know that there was scuttlebutt to such effect. And the boys liked to talk (perhaps partly to superficially demonstrate that they were "in the know" on such popular subjects for prestige purposes with their peers). Hundreds of "my" Scouts were interviewed--and that not so gently according to direct feedback we've received--and not one of them, including a flock of Eagles, attested to any improprieties; yet I've been tried and condemned by one associated ex-Scout from another Troop whom I'd befriended (along with the substance-abuse offenders and alcoholics and the down-and-out from any walk of life) based on his unconfirmed say-so alone without any form of substantiation. I "passed" a polygraph; the Court would not permit a similar evaluation for the Plaintiff. Nor was he examined medically. Nor was his disruptive history in school and Scouts revealed showing him to be a psychological misfit requiring "attention" via negative means. Nor was he evaluated psychologically to determine the likelihood of any truth to his allegation. Public furor was mobilized against me without question with full unlimited support of the taxpayers to which my pleas for assistance fell on deaf ears (except for the Scouting community which knew me; we transported some 30 such character witnesses including many Scouts from Champaign IL to Philadelphia to testify in my behalf at the Trial mockery 4/21/86). Most people are fearful of expressing their real feelings about just this sort of disgraceful lynch-mob mentality. It's a sensitive subject--and we think the BSA is approaching it in an open and above-board manner (but don't overdo it--that's not the purpose of Boy's Life; it doesn't take much to create a monster so that no Leader can be "trusted" alone with the kids, and everyone is suspect of unexpressed perversions!).

TAKE A STAND: Rather than going along with the popular sentiment and reinforcing the unhealthy idea that no one can be "trusted", thereby fueling the fire, as you've now done, it would be well to take a stand. The BSA has traditionally pushed the positive, not the negative. If you issue an Edict that it is now no longer "permitted" for anyone five years or more older than the maximum age of any Scout present to be alone with such children, you will be doing untold harm in the long-run by kindling unrealistic suspicions that are not valid! I don't believe we have an epidemic of out-of-control victimization of youth any more than we did in "your" day, or "mine". Even Dr. Menninger, in the 9/86 Scouting item is quoted as being of the opinion that:

..."it is not certain there is any more child abuse going on today

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Dr. Henninger, cont'd:

"than in former years, but the number of reported cases has been growing."



Thanks.

cc: Council #117

Sincerely yours--in Scouting, always--

F.H. Morris
F.H. Morris

September 4, 1986

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Mr. David E. Hasel
Scout Executive
Bucks County Council, No. 777

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Frank Morris

Dear David:

Thank you for the detailed information concerning the above Scouter. We have reviewed this case with our Attorney and have now placed this man on the Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription &
Statistical Service

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cc: Northeast Region

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE June 10, 1986SOCIAL SECURITY
NUMBERFULL NAME Frank H. Morris

(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS [REDACTED]CITY Philadelphia STATE Pa. ZIP CODE 19116DATE OF BIRTH 4/17/52 (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE _____ (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

RELIGION _____ NATIONALITY _____

OCCUPATION BiochemistEDUCATION 3 College DegreesWEIGHT _____ HEIGHT _____ RACE Cauc.

COLOR OF HAIR _____ COLOR OF EYES _____

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS _____

MARRIED OR SINGLE Single

CHILDREN _____

(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

NAME OF SPOUSE _____

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

<u>UNIT #</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>DATE REGISTERED</u>	<u>DATE RESIGNED</u>
Troop 76	Feasterville	Pa.	ASM	1/28/85	4/30/86

SPECIAL RECOGNITION _____

SUSPENDED OR DENIED REGISTRATION FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION AND LIST ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE OR SPECULATION):

Signed [Signature]

SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council Bucks County #777

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May 15, 1986

Mr. David E. Hasel
Scout Executive
Bucks County Council, No. 777

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Frank Morris

Dear David:

Thank you for the newspaper clipping, which you sent, indicating that the above-named individual was convicted of the charges. This will be most helpful to us in refusing registration attempts.

We are enclosing a Confidential Record Sheet which we would like to have completed if you are able to do so. This would help us in identifying Mr. Morris should he move somewhere else and try to register with the Boy Scouts of America.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription &
Statistical Service

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Encl.

cc: Northeast Region

READY FOR FILE

MAY 16 1986

SHIRLEY MEYER

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Phila. man convicted of sex crimes

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A former scoutmaster who police say stocked his home with sado-masochistic drawings, explosives and guns was convicted Tuesday of sexually assaulting a 14-year-old boy.

Frank Morris, 48, convicted by Philadelphia Common Pleas Judge Vincent DiNubile after a weeklong trial, was sentenced to time he already had served and paroled. He faced a maximum sentence of 64 to 123 years in prison.

Prosecutors plan to extradite Morris to Illinois, where he faces child pornography and aggravated sexual assault charges, said Assistant District Attorney James Rusek.

An extradition hearing will be scheduled for later this month, he said.

After the trial, Rusek called Morris a menace to society.

"I'm not comfortable with the defendant walking the streets again ... I think the community has the right to be protected," said Rusek.

A teen-ager from Illinois testified Morris attacked him at least six times last summer in Morris' estate in Northeast Philadelphia.

The boy had met Morris, a former Boy Scout leader in Urbana, Ill., on a weekend outing in Illinois and visited him with his parents' permission, according to testimony.

Morris, a millionaire with three college degrees, was arrested Sept. 27. Police found a cache of loaded guns, 2,450 rounds of ammunition, grenades, bombs, knives and numerous sexually explicit drawings at his house, Rusek said.

Morris was convicted of six counts of involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, indecent assault, indecent exposure, simple assault and corrupting the morals of a minor.

The judge acquitted him of reckless endangering and weapons and obscenity charges.

Rusek had contended Morris used the boy "like a piece of meat" and used the weapons to instill fear in him.

Morris, who had called 23 character witnesses during the trial, was sentenced to 3 to 23 months in prison. DiNubile also ordered him not to return to his Philadelphia home.

BUCKS COUNTY COURIER TIMES

PENNSYLVANIA

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 1986

April 15, 1986

Mr. Raymond L. Blackwell
Scout Executive
Arrowhead Area Council, No. 117

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Frank H. Morris

Dear Raymond:

We have recently had some information concerning an individual by the name of Frank H. Morris. We understand that he lived in your council for quite some time, but then moved to Philadelphia. He has been registered in the Bucks County Council in Doylestown, Pennsylvania recently, but now we understand there is some action based on his contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

We would like any information you may have concerning Mr. Morris, and whether you feel he did anything in your council which would cause him to be placed on the confidential file and registration refused.

I am enclosing a Confidential Record Sheet which I would like to have completed, so that we may identify Mr. Morris anywhere he should move in the country.

We are trying to complete a file and determine if we should refuse registration should Mr. Morris attempt it in the future. We really appreciate your help.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription &
Statistical Service

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Enclosure

cc: East Central Region

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APR 16 1986

SHIRLEY MEYER

CONF023671

To SRP

Date 4-17 Time _____

WHILE YOU WERE OUT

M James Rusk

of Asst. DA

Phone [REDACTED]

TELEPHONED	PLEASE CALL
CALLED TO SEE YOU	WILL CALL AGAIN
WANTS TO SEE YOU	URGENT

☐ RETURNED YOUR CALL

Message Re: Frank Morris

To D

Date 4/17 Time 11:45

WHILE YOU WERE OUT

M [REDACTED]

of [REDACTED]

Phone [REDACTED]

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CALLED TO SEE YOU	WILL CALL AGAIN
WANTS TO SEE YOU	URGENT

☐ RETURNED YOUR CALL

Message [REDACTED]

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Operator



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[REDACTED]
Georgetown, TX 75221
March 13, 1986

Dear Mr. Park,

Enclosed please find three letters which all shed light onto the subject of [REDACTED] Frank H. Morris, Scoutmaster. I wrote the letter to Mr. Kirkley and sent copies to you and two other [REDACTED] who are "Boy Scouts". [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is innocent, a victim of "propaganda and the times," and of the city of Philadelphia, in trouble. The police there have pressured a 14-year-old juvenile to say what they wanted so they could chalk up "a win". A disgusting travesty. But there are many similar injustices there daily. It's incredible...

I was a den mother for 7 years — a very active one. I have 4 sons in college now, 2 of whom are Eagles. For 16 years I was a faithful servant for the BSA, the culmination of which was the District Award of Merit in March before we move to Texas in '84. My title was "professional volunteer," and I'm proud of it. My brother was of the same stature — a dedicated 24-hour-a-day Scoutmaster of highest moral conduct. If you ask in the Champaign - Urbana area of our reputation — it is flawless!

Unfortunately, [REDACTED] allows openings for persecution because of his dedication to a life like Christ lived — and nothing was too difficult or too much trouble or too unorthodox for him to do. He is of near genius intellect, loves to investigate all subjects, controversial or not, is extremely artistic and creative — a multi-talented, caring, devoted individual — a person who should not have to waste his time with ridiculous charges which have been put upon him. Frank braves all to stand up for what he thinks is right and what he believes in — popular or not — which, in the end, can cause problems. We were both dedicated to Scouting and worked in harmony in the St. Joseph Troop 40 area for 16 years. We both were dedicated totally to the principles of Scouting. Frank would not do these things he's accused of. He is not guilty.

The police have come up with only one juvenile to say ill of Frank. The boy is a foster child and does not understand stability. If allowed to be psychoanalyzed, I'm sure he

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would fit into a perfect mold of
some sort. However, the prosecution
does not want the truth — not even
to help the boy — they don't want
to know he's not telling the truth...
And doesn't care if an innocent
"scoutmaster" goes to jail....
unbelievable....

So, that is why I am writing
to the lawyers connected with
BSA. You have, no doubt, lots
of experience in this area and
along with the other men mentioned
in my letter to Mr. Kirby, we
would hope you could help
Frank. First, you should talk
to him — you would know
right away he's not guilty. But
what to do about it?

Please, time is running
out. It's about time we saw
good media headlines of the
exoneration of Scoutmaster
Morris [redacted] is a good
and honorable man. Please
help in his cause for the BSA
and justice. Thank you

Sincerely,
[redacted]

[REDACTED]
Georgetown, Texas 78628

March 17, 1986

Dear Mr. Kirtley,

Perhaps, you may remember me from Arrowhead Council as the "Craft Lady", and [REDACTED]? We moved from St. Joseph 9/84 to the Austin area, and left three sons at the

[REDACTED] Our youngest, and an Eagle Scout is a sophomore at [REDACTED] University here in Georgetown.

I am writing to you out of frustration and desperation concerning the trouble in which [REDACTED] finds himself. We have been told to keep a low profile, not to say anything, etc. but as the time gets closer for Frank's trial (4/14/86) I find it more and more difficult to do so.

Frank is innocent. He is a victim of his own personality and the Christian-do-good role he has chosen for his life. It is a way of life most people fail to understand or accept, consequently, he finds himself an easy mark for persecution by those who will not understand. This whole terrible happening is too long and involved to write, so I am enclosing some of Frank's letters which should shed some light on some of the story.

This whole thing is a nightmare, and Frank is absolutely no different than he ever was. We thought things like this couldn't happen in a civilized society, but they are; and in America. Frank is not guilty of the charges concocted from the fertile imaginations of neighbors and the Philadelphia police. The MOVE disaster, the "times", misunderstandings, and the snarling residents and police

[REDACTED]

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We feel the only explanation is that they pressured [REDACTED] into making accusations against Frank in return for negating the bench warrant out on him. In the middle of this whole thing is a big political boss the neighbors' went to, to see "what" he could do. Yes, it's true, and the story goes on... and on... Frank spent three months in jail under the worst conditions. They would rearrest him time after time, take him downtown to the "Roundhouse" or "Holding Tank" and make him stay there for several days each time with the worst of the worst - an effort to try and break him. And this is all happening because [REDACTED] succumbed under police pressure. [REDACTED] has absolutely no idea, nor could most adults imagine, what he did to his good friend in a moment of weakness. He sees it as a TV program and doesn't relate it to reality. It is an absolute horror.

The Philadelphia and Illinois police have extensively - and I do mean that - searched everything possible, and the only evidence of any major wrongdoing is the untruthful testimony of [REDACTED]. Frank did have a 40 year gun collection, some firecrackers and a switchblade knife given him by my children when we went to Mexico, some black powder for loading shells, and some chemicals for the Boy Scout Chemistry Merit Badge demonstration... Frank has never been in trouble with the law... Frank has unanimous support in Illinois and 36 people out of 42 said they would come to Philadelphia to testify in his behalf... Frank is not guilty.

So, the main reason I am writing you is to ask for your help. Sam Erwin, Jim Martinkus have been helping out where possible. Since you are a lawyer and a "Boy Scout", along with Raymond Lee and Mr. Finfrock, we thought if you could listen to Frank's story, perhaps, you could go to bat for him in the name of the Boy Scouts of America. There is not much which makes me angrier than ugly headlines in the

Dear Jim:

Friday 14 March 1966

You've received the copy of the 4pp letter of 1/27 sent to you via a contact out there--Certified as of 2/6, receipt received 2/10 here. I hope this hasn't been too much of an upset for you, but I guess you're wondering what's going on with all this! Same with Jackie and boys.

What can I say other than what was presented in the general "position" letter sent to some 60 individuals out there in an attempt to counter the outrageous news media publicity given this case? My lawyer, "Sandy" delone, visited Illinois 2/7-10 and "interviewed" some 42 acquaintances--all of whom were willing to vouch for me unconditionally; 36 said they'd be able to come here for Trial now scheduled for 4/14 (instead of 3/10). Now either I was a pretty good actor, or there's something rotten in the State of Pennsylvania

This has been an indescribable ordeal. I've now had to liquidate my entire life's savings of some \$100,000, and borrow another \$100,000, in order to pay the lawyers to even get out of jail. Having nothing else left to pay back the debt(s) I've put the house (my Mother's, left to me in her Will, where I grew up) up for sale--which doesn't leave me a place to live once all this runs its course (the provisions of the Will are such that proceeds cannot be distributed to [REDACTED] and me but are to be put into a Trust fund for her children). Things don't look so great presently--and all because of some kid who has been apparently strong-armed by police to make up a story about me--basically.

It was he whom I'd befriended by allowing him to visit me last July who initially aroused the attention in the neighborhood that led to the 6/19/65 police raid looking for him (although they full-well already knew that he'd since returned home via his Dad three weeks before). This search and seizure operation was absurd because a Hearing scheduled for him was held three days before (so, therefore, any "evidence" secured by the raid was not applicable to the pretense). So they sent police down from Chicago to threaten him--and made a deal for the false testimony against me as we understand it! The irony is that he wasn't really in "trouble" at all; they just made him think he was so that he would be amenable to manipulation. It's really disgusting. We considered that [REDACTED] might be "in" on it initially, but my feeling now is that they, too, have been misled and improperly influenced by the police tactics and are, effectively, being held incommunicado so that they remain ignorant of the situation. It's hard for me to believe that they believe [REDACTED] stories--but it's conceivable (and they're afraid to ask otherwise, fearing the consequences of the perjury).

I've asked "Sandy" to see if he can arrange a "neutral" intermediary to meet with the [REDACTED] to explain so as to circumvent the unscrupulous adversaries there who are acting on fabrications from this end's analogous agencies. I asked him to contact you to see if there would be any way we could get through to [REDACTED] so that he could know the truth, perhaps via the mili-

thing for. It's so painful to consider that one of these has resorted to such dreadful treachery--after all the kindnesses and support I'd provided him and family. I've been able to come to a point of forgiveness, however, by the many prayers that have been tearfully presented to a loving God who's own Son was similarly betrayed and afflicted by those who "knew not what they'd done".

So, allowing that these people are (probably) not inherently "evil" of themselves, one concludes that they have been deceived about the situation and are, therefore, under misconceptions. That's all I want to communicate--the truth! As I said in the 1/27 letter, I "passed" a lie-detector test on the accusations and it is not my nature to have done those unseemly things that [REDACTED] has said I have done, on repeated occasions both in Illinois and here, while under duress and coercion some time back in November as I understand it. I am willing to make allowances if they will retract their position (recant). That is a very difficult prospect--but it is by far the easier course, now, by comparison to what can and probably will result if he doesn't (these lawyers are fully capable of clearly establishing that I am the victim of an awful extortion conspiracy perpetrated by the adult [REDACTED]--which could well mean a Court Martial for the alleged perpetrators and end of a career!).

I am not permitted to make direct contact much as I'd like to, of course; I'd be accused by the prosecutors of attempting to intimidate a witness or something. That's just what they'd like! They continue their desperate attempts to get something on me; that's why I'm advised not to live at home and have been operating out of a suitcase from an undisclosed location since release on bail three months ago. We have to be very careful. These devils would (and have) resort to anything in order to prevail ("win", but the only winners are the lawyers who get the money) even over an innocent party as we have here. It's a terrible testimony to the thorough depravity that "man" finds himself in--but which is born out by Scripture (which we tend not to take too seriously until we're led to reflect by monstrous injustices such as this one presently).

I thought Bob Finrock might be a good consultant, but I've called him a number of times in recent days and am unable to establish contact. We have the name of the official BSA lawyer @ National (his name is David Park) who must be experienced in this sort of case, but need someone who understands the Scouting mentality to communicate with him about what could have possibly motivated John to have betray me as he has done in this despicable outrage. The lawyer here doesn't seem to want me to be making such contacts for fear, evidently, that such communication could somehow be twisted around and used against me. I feel that my hands are tied (but the opposition's are not; they seem to have free license to say/do anything that strikes their fancy including all the largely-fictional news-media releases published out there).

REF: My lawyer--H. Francis deLone, Jr.
BSA-Irving ("National") lawyer--David
IL Scouting/lawyer acquaintance--Bob
Arrowhead Council #117 Exec--Ray [REDACTED] or.

OK, so. Call me collect anytime on thoughts/suggestions. Help! Best regards to your wonderful family and all the little Trails and things. Bless.

RAY = [REDACTED]

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Monday 27 January 1986

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Dear Supporter:

I'm sending this from a "hide-out" in the Philadelphia vicinity where my lawyers have relegated me since release on bail from the local "Holmesburg Hilton" detention center where I spent 82 rather interesting days following my "capture" by a police S.W.A.T. team 9/27/85! Although the manner in which the Courts decide on bail is beyond my comprehension (for instance in a recent case in which a cocaine bust was made worth \$100 million, the illegal-alien driver of the camper vehicle is being held for half of what Illinois is currently calling for; and witnessed homicides of a number of my black Block-mates whom I became acquainted with during my own "hostage" experience was not uncommonly as low as \$20,000--the local DA asked for \$75 million for me at a Preliminary Hearing 11/19/85 even after police searches failed to come up with any evidence, and Illinois is presently demanding \$30 million!) because of the widespread sensationalism all this has received, discretion is the better part of valor! We're afraid that the DA and their politically-motivated superior(s) might try to set me up for further fabricated charges now that I'm "available" (and get to pocket the standard 30% for the privilege). This seems to have something to do with the bungled "MOVE" raids of last May '85 here in which over-reactive police burned down some 61 (negro) homes and killed some 11 men, women, and children in a widely-publicized fiasco on a suspected terrorist headquarters (but, based on my own case so far, I would be very skeptical about what one reads in the media accounts!). I understand that this respected-Scoutmaster-run-amock case we have here has been publicized beyond any reasonable justification (as if to pre-prejudice the public even while the outrageous "investigations" were still in progress for, we conjecture, to influence individuals to cooperate in attesting to false testimonies against me as has now occurred in one case due, we think, to police strong-arm tactics and coercion and perhaps promise of a "deal" or other compensation!). Doesn't speak too well for our "system". Nonetheless, with no questions asked, my (mother's) house here where I've moved since her death last April '85, has been invaded on repeated occasions by police acting on unsubstantiated and illegally-conducted search and seizure operations--as if as training exercises--and ransacked, vandalized, and looted (while they kept me for "ransom" after determining my worth by questionably taking the contents of my bank safety-deposit boxes on some as-yet undetermined authorization!). Is this happening in the U.S.A. where we, Constitutionally, have rights? I would not have believed it four months ago as I worked to keep the house and grounds up to par, quietly and without fanfare, which was left to me in my Mom's Will after I moved in June '85 from Illinois. I had been there since November '84 to care for her; evidently there were those in the surrounding neighborhood who, as the Prophet Jeremiah said (9:8) we can expect "Their tongue is as an arrow shot out; it speaketh deceit: one speaketh peaceably to his neighbor with his mouth, but in (his) heart he layeth (in) wait". I suspect the ultimate motivation for all this--or at least for starting it, but thanks to the weakness of human nature and the help of the newspapers and TV it became like a snowball--was to get me to sell out (cheap) although I'd been raised there and lived there some 35 years before coming to Illinois in 1972 for biochemistry work in preparation for medical school ambitions (which fell by the wayside as I became thoroughly sidetracked by the community work through which most of you knew me in which I was so involved full time--especially Scouting). Now this is not the sort of

that there's nothing at all to these accusations! Once the police had made the initial mistake(s) they had to try to come up with something to cover up what they don't need, post-MOVE--more embarrassing incompetence and brutality against the citizenry; so they've relied on the old stand-by of challenging my moral character late in the game because of the National hysteria this subject is receiving these days. See?

One of the original charges was that I'm a member of some (white) racist revolutionary underground group that I never heard of because of the testimony of a (black) police detective who has actually testified under oath that I threatened him by such references upon the first invasion here 8/19/85. That really went over big with the predominantly-black prison population; I had been effectively pre-introduced via television when they threw me into the lion's den! Thanks to my genuine care and concern for all individuals no matter what their mistake(s) have been, and the grace of God, I managed to survive this highly provocative slander in which I was, it seems, purposely placed in a compromising position of extreme physical jeopardy. We speculate that "they" figured someone would finish me off while in the detention center (and that would declare my innocence--like the accused witch on the dunking board in pre-Colonial days; if she drowned during immersion, then she was posthumously cleared!). These guys play rough. This is a frightening game we have here.

I was charged with "prohibited offensive weapons", fully loaded with rounds in the chambers (did you know I was an Army weapons instructor for a year and a half and also instructed NRA marksmanship, and that only automatics can be so described but that would mean they would have to be cocked; no knowledgeable firearms expert stores guns in that condition!). Least of all not this one. The same detective testified on the Stand that there was at least one in every room of the house, not to mention an arsenal amounting to a veritable ammo dump the way the newspapers printed it based on imaginations and speculation. Of the 10-room 3-story old farmhouse + cellar and four out buildings, there were such weapons in two rooms--and a hunting rifle in the garage in the rafters; no machine guns, etc. as variously reported! Two of the rifles were restored WW I types over the mantle in the living room. From time to time I'd pick up some ammunition on sale at K-Mart for marksmanship shooting (I don't hunt) so, yes, there were a few more rounds than one would commonly need for a Saturday night crime to be sure! All safely secured in a metal cake tin...

Since I've been National Chairman of the BSA Chemistry Badge Committee for a number of years now, I'd given demonstrations; so there were some related chemicals around, none of which were explosive in themselves. Besides, I am a chemist and take an interest in my work so dabbled around from time to time, especially years ago when I was in college (the first time)! Fortunately no "drug" paraphernalia, although some glassware that I'd picked up one day when they were cleaning out the attic of Noyes Lab at the University certainly attracted some stimulated interest I gather. You see the thinking here? We used to have cows on the old (farm) property and my parents always kept firecrackers around to scare 'em back in the fence when one would sometimes get out; there was a box of conventional stuff like you can (still) buy in Missouri--at least 30 years old that'd been around the house as long as I can remember. That was the basis for charges of "risking catastrophe", "reckless endangerment", and assorted stories about "explosives", bombs, and the like.

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port attempting to contrive ominous intentions for those! And so the story goes

One of my Eagle (Scouts) came with me to Philadelphia to help when I finally packed up in June '85; perhaps you've heard about him by now. Good Scout. Good friend. Helpful, too. Following his return, I "entertained" another Scout whom I had been friendly with from Arrowhead Council's Chief Illini (Northern) District who needed some guidance and friendship (he's a foster kid, see?). British, too. Cool dude. Well it seems the East Coast is a little more up-tight about child abuse than we were, even, in the Mid-west; so in conjunction with what must have been very creative stories by certain fulfillments of Jeremiah's Biblical account (see p. 1), the police discovered that one of my Scout pictures (which is in the Troop 40 "Archives" in St. Joseph to be sure) showed one of us lying on the ground when we dedicated the Lincoln Circuit Trail Monument at Kickapoo (or was it before when we were working on it?)--but, regardless, completely described, identified, and dated on the back as are all of my records. They immediately concluded this was a body, the victim of some horrible crime; so, naturally, it would follow that there must be many (more) such grisley remains buried all over our property in Philadelphia! They came in with heavy equipment and dug up my carefully-tended plantings and gardens that I'd cared so conscientiously for--in company with the bomb squads and disaster forces--while I was safely out of circulation wondering who was going to take out the "contract" on me, and when! That resulted in more bail; the fact that nothing at all was found seems not to have much mattered. Guilty until proven innocent here; the charges stand, off-base or otherwise. Do you see why the neighbors just might feel uneasy--now that they'd worked themselves into a frenzy? Some more Jeremiah (9:5): "And they will deceive, every one, his neighbor, and they will not speak the truth; they have taught their tongues to speak lies, and weary themselves to commit iniquity". Amen to that.

They accused the (second) Scout of attempting to assault neighbor kid(s) and the like, without basis except to make trouble, and issued an arrest warrant for him. Meanwhile he'd gone back after having spent a month with me. He also had this "Rambo" survival knife which he was seen with once; what more "proof" is needed (no they aren't as used to things like that in the big city as we might be on a camping trip on the Salt Fork!)? That led to a report of a gun! Imagination did the rest (no, no gun). When they ran him down across three States and couldn't come up with anything incriminating at all (taxpayers pay for all this) and considering they didn't look too good so far with their digging and theatrics they prevailed upon him to bear false testimony against me--evidently in exchange for "favorable consideration" upon instruction from the corrupt DA's office here. That doesn't make me feel too good (but I consider that anyone will crack under enough pressure; but, nonetheless, none of my "own" Scouts said what they wanted 'em to say under similar objectionable coercion as I understand it). The case has largely degenerated into a morals charge now. Note that I deny any such compromise of principles that I'd stood on all my Scouting years--and have a polygraph confirmation, now, to back it up (the prosecution "objected" to any such independent verification of the truth of the perjurer's false testimony). Be assured that none of you (or your kids) were ever in any "danger" with "Uncle Frank" but note a quote attributed to one (Pastor) Reginald Thomas: "We owe

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I hope I've headed many boats in the right direction. The means that I've used to personally cope with such influences are passive; I'm easily victimized because of my compassion, and an easy mark for the unscrupulous. OK? Please don't condemn me for my curiosity, but judge me according to my works. I've never betrayed confidences. The human mind is capable of wild imaginings!

My lawyer is planning to visit some of you soon to ask you to say something good about me (the truth!). The Trial, again, is scheduled here for 3/10/86. Following that, paperwork has been issued authorizing extradition back to Illinois for more (kick 'im while he's down)! This has been quite a strain and I need each and everyone of you, this time, to help me clear my good name and beat those that "hate me (and) whisper together against me" (PS 41:7) and "revile (me) and persecute (me), and say all manner of evil against (me) falsely" (MT 5:11). Now it would be nice if you could all come here in person, but that's probably impractical--if not impossible--'y know? The best alternative is to conduct interviews and, perhaps, video-tape you so the jury can get an idea of your good character in supporting mine. This is mainly to alert you to this expected visit so that you'll be prepared. I'll appreciate anything you can do. You may call me collect any time at my "hide-out" (but use discretion about giving the number out or we'll defeat the purpose of the seclusion, see), or write to the (p. 1) return address; we're open to suggestion. Contact my attorney about any questions (or me personally; but I'm the accused and don't have a whole lot of credibility right now):

Mr. H. Francis deLone, Jr.

alternate:

Philadelphia PA 19102

Mr. deLone expects to be there Thursday 2/6 - Monday 2/10. Let me know if there's anything I can provide in the way of additional information in the meantime. You may have this photocopied for further distribution as you see fit (but use judgement about getting too many copies circulating around; one "advantage" in a defense strategy is not to let the opposition know everything you're doing so that they'd be able to come up with countering tactics).

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Sincerely,

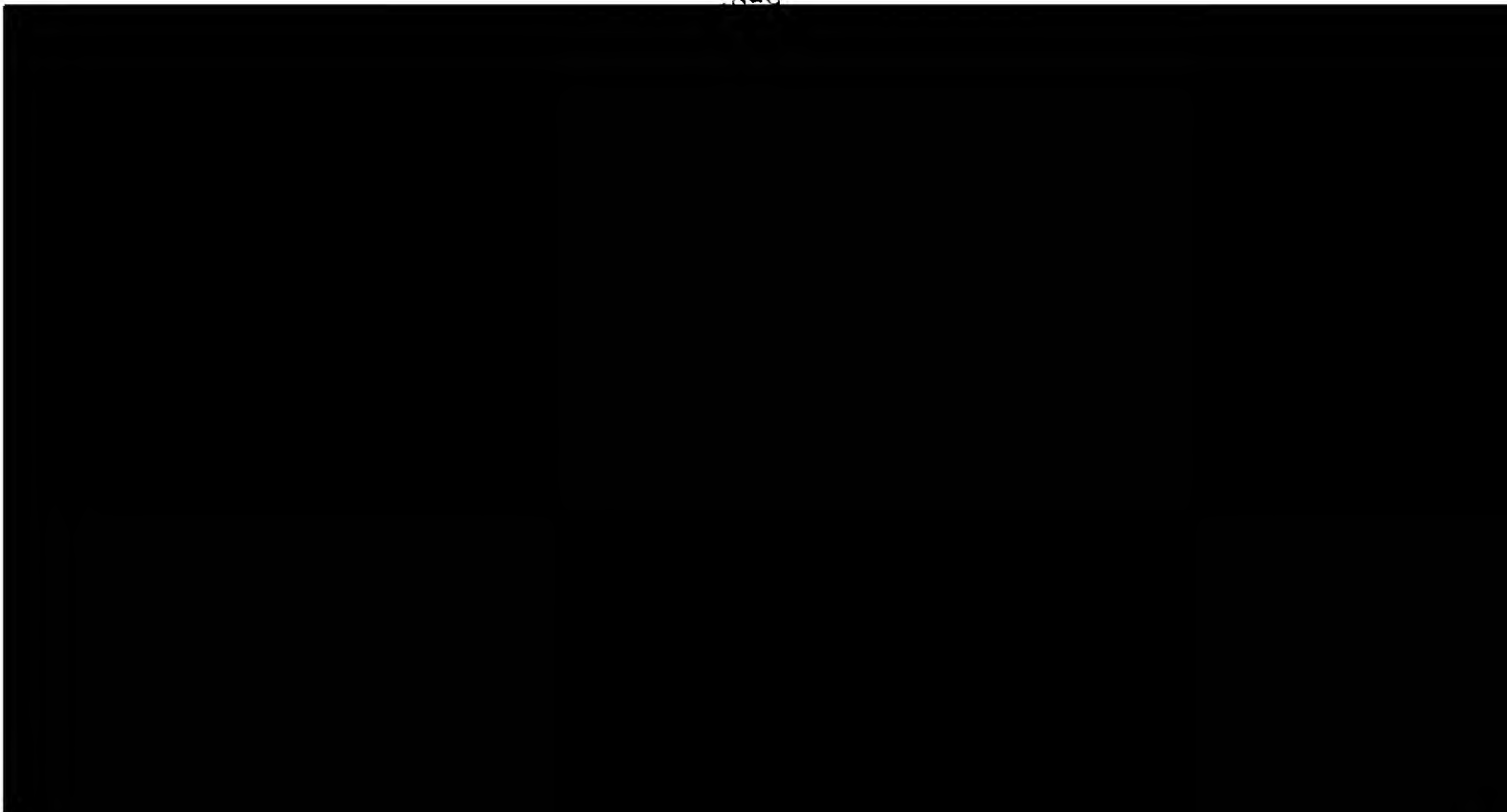
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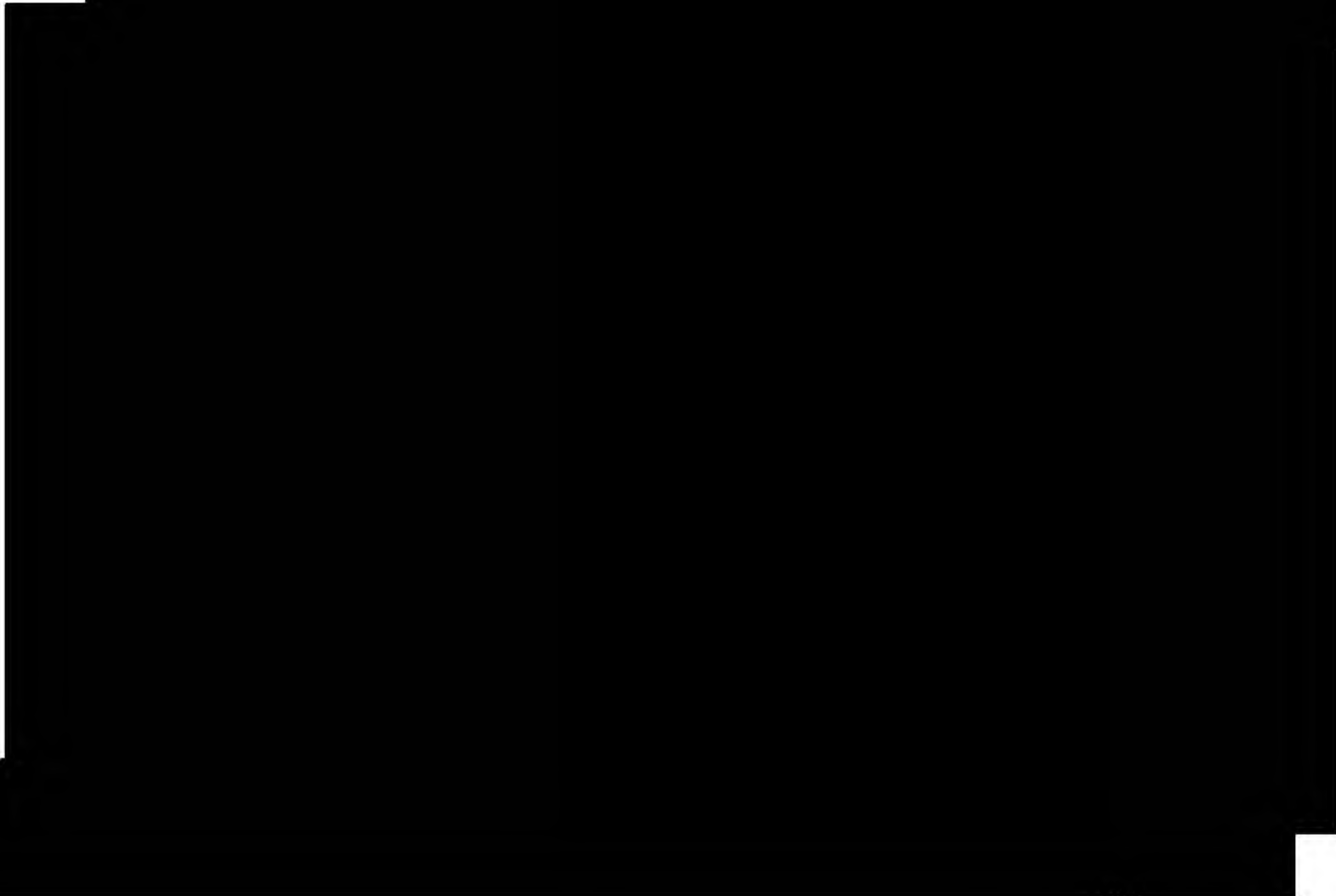


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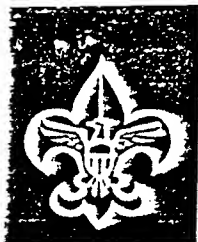
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cc: M.M. Bursey - AXE
H. Francis deLone, Jr., atty.

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National Office
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

1325 Walnut Hill Lane, Irving, Texas 75038-3096
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March 3, 1986

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W. K. PARK

Mr. Frank H. Morris
[REDACTED]

Philadelphia, PA 19116

Dear Mr. Morris:

In reference to your letter of February 24, we are enclosing a copy of a letter from Dr. Maurice M. Bursey of Alpha Chi Sigma Fraternity.

We believe this accurately states your relationship in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Frank E. Hebb
Assistant Director

FH/sn

enclosure

cc: H.F. deLone, Jr.
David Park

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Grand Chapter

Alpha Chi Sigma Fraternity

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Dr. Maurice M. Bursey
Department of Chemistry, 045 A
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514

February 25, 1986

National Headquarters
Boy Scouts of America

Irving, Texas 75038

Gentlemen:

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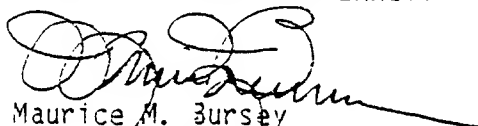
The following information was mistakenly sent to the Longhorn Council in Fort Worth because of a misunderstanding of your organization scheme here.

Mr. Frank Morris has contacted me in connection with information supplied by you to lawyers in Philadelphia, in which you stated that Mr. Morris was a volunteer, but not chairman of any committee, to maintain and/or revise requirements for the Boy Scout merit badge in chemistry.

There has been an agreement between the Boy Scouts of America and Alpha Chi Sigma, the professional chemistry fraternity, to have a national committee of the fraternity, the Boy Scout Activities committee, maintain and/or revise requirements for the Boy Scout merit badge in chemistry. I have been a national officer of the fraternity for more than five years, and for that entire time Frank Morris has been a diligent and effective chairman of our Boy Scout Activities committee. I do not know how long he was chairman of the committee prior to my becoming a national officer.

To my knowledge, there are only four paid employees of the fraternity. All of the national officers, and all of the committee chairmen, are volunteers. Perhaps it was this point that confused you.

Yours very truly,
ALPHA CHI SIGMA FRATERNITY


Maurice M. Bursey
Grand Professional Alchemist,

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Dr. Maurice M. Bursey
Department of Chemistry, 045 A
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514

February 17, 1986

Boy Scouts of America
Longhorn Council
Attn: Mr. Frank Hebb

Fort Worth, Texas 76109

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "M. Bursey", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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October 4, 1985

TO: Julian L. Dyke, National Director of Relationships/Marketing

FROM: Merritt G. Daane, Assistant Regional Director

RE: Today's CBS National News Story Concerning Improprieties of a Scout Leader in Philadelphia, Formerly of Champaign, Illinois

In the absence of Lin Carter and El Aspinall who were informed of this situation by Ray Blackwell, Scout Executive of the Arrowhead Council, Champaign, Illinois, I talked directly to Ray at noon today and following is a summary of my telephone conversation.

Former Scoutmaster Frank Morris of Troop 40, left Champaign one year ago to go to Philadelphia to take care of his mother. He was well-to-do, didn't work, was supported by mother. Morris is 48 years old and is somewhat eccentric, a collector of Indian lore as well as guns and other collectible items.

He spent quite a bit of time with wayward children. After he moved to Philadelphia, he was asked to counsel a troublesome youngster who lived across from his mother. This request was from the boy's parents.

Frank's mother passed away four or five months ago, and the boy from across the street moved in with Frank.

Two days ago on October 2 the police searched Frank's house because the boy had carried a gun to school. Upon searching the property they discovered five graves in the back yard, and each grave had a cross on it with a name on it. Police assumed it was a mass murder. They called for backup, and the news media got hold of the backup call.

Frank was incarcerated immediately, and later that same day the graves were dug up. They found pet fish had been buried there, individually wrapped in cellophane bags.

[REDACTED] a sixteen-year-old boy from St. Joseph, Illinois and a former Scout in Troop 40, was pictured on the wall of Frank's house in a grave. [REDACTED] is alive and healthy and lives in [REDACTED] which is part of the Champaign Council territory.

Now charges of murder and child molestation have been dropped, and Morris plans to sue the city. However, he is still being held without bond based on a second charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor and pornography.

Scout Executive Blackwell has provided a telephone news release today to Channel 3 in Champaign.

Council President Dick Tryon, Lott Thomas, board member and council attorney, and Ken Walscott, public relations expert and board member, are all involved in all communications regarding this situation.

After the Channel 3 news release was completed, Blackwell was informed that [REDACTED] a former Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 40, has now told the Vice President of the Champaign Council that Morris had tried to proposition him five years ago.

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NEWS ALERT

Date: Oct. 4, 1985
Time: 1:10 p.m.

The following information was received from the source indicated and may have possible news or other confidential implications. Details to follow, if required.

Source: Merritt Daane Telephone [REDACTED]

(Name and Title)
Address: East Central Region

The facts: A former Scoutmaster, Frank H. Morris, has reportedly been arrested in Philadelphia on a morals charge. Morris served 5 years in Lions Club Troop 40, St. Joseph, Ill. No record here in the confidential file. Apparently not registered in Philadelphia where he now lives.

ACTION OR RECOMMENDATIONS: Roy Blackwell, SE in Champaign, Ill. has the facts. He has been instructed to limit his statements to the facts.

Signed: Raul Chavez
Ext: 2261

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FRANK MORRIS

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PICKED UP 2 CHARGES WITH SEXUAL ACTIVITY

NAME Frank

DATE 4-10-86

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January 6, 1986

Mr. Martin P. Stephen
Scout Executive
Bucks County Council, No. 777

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Frank Morris

Dear Marty:

Earlier this last fall we received information concerning an individual by the name of Frank H. Morris. He apparently is registered in Troop 76 of your council as an Assistant Scoutmaster.

It was indicated that he had been arrested in Philadelphia on morals charges. We have not heard from you concerning this situation and wonder if any further developments have now taken place. We need as much information as possible so that we can prevent future registration with the Boy Scouts of America if the charges against him are substantiated.

I am enclosing a Confidential Record Sheet which I would like for you to complete. This will give information of a personal nature which will enable us to identify Mr. Morris should he move to another section of the country.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or I may be of help.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription &
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cc: Northeast Region

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